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SUB: PRESS COMMENT ON NIXON MID-EAST VISIT

1. GOVERNMENT OWNED DAILY GRAPHIC JUNE 11 CARRIES EDITORIAL TITLED QUOTE THE OTHER AIM OF NIXON'S TOUR UNQUOTE WHICH IS CURIOUS MIXTURE OF CREDIT FOR PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN POLICY AND SEARCH FOR REAL MOTIVE OF PRESIDENTIAL TRIP TO MID-EAST, WHICH EDITOR ULTIMATELY CONCLUDES MUST BE QUOTE INDISPENSABLE OIL UNQUOTE. ALONG THE WAY, THE EDITOR NOTES THAT AMERICAN POLICY OF AGGRESSION HAS UNDERGONE A NOTICEABLE CHANGE, AND CITES WITHDRAWAL FROM VIETNAM, PEACE IN QUOTE SOME AREAS IN LATIN AMERICA UNQUOTE, AND IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH CHINA AS DUE TO PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL POLICY. IN ADDITION, QUOTE SUPERMAN IMAGE UNQUOTE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER POSSIBLE BECAUSE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ENDORSES NEGOTIATION AND INSISTS THAT AGREEMENT FOR PEACE MUST BE REACHED AT ALL COSTS. TRIP TO MOSCOW PREDICTED TO RESULT IN TEN-YEAR ACCORD ON ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. ALL OF THIS, EDITOR SAYS, IMPRESSIVE AND HIGHLIGHTS PRESIDENT'S INCESSANT SEARCH FOR PEACE ACCORD WITH ALL COUNTRIES. ON MID-EAST, HOWEVER, EDITOR CASTS DOUBT ON NIXON TRIP'S QUOTE OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE--TO CEMENT NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH ARAB

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WORLD UNQUOTE, SAYING QUOTE IT HARDLY SEEMS NECESSARY FOR THE

PRESIDENT OF AMERICA FACED WITH IMPEACHMENT AT HOME TO FLY OUT
TO THE MIDDLE EAST TO MAKE PEACEWHICH EVERYBODY KNOWS IS NOT DURABLE
AND ABOUT WHICH AMERICA HERSELF CANNOT BE SINCERE...INDISPEN-
SABLE OIL LOOKS LIKE A MORE PLAUSIBLE REASON FOR PRESIDENT NIXON'S
TOUR UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: DAILY GRAPHIC EDITOR, RICHARD HORSLEY, HAS LONG
BEEN HIPPED ON RADICAL ARAB ARGUMENTS IN ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE,
AND HAS FREQUENTLY TAKEN ANTI-WESTERN OR ANTI-U.S. POTSHOTS IN
HIS EDITORIAL COLUMNS. HE HAS BEEN CONSIDERED IN PAST TO BE
PARTICULARLY CLOSE TO EGYPTIAN EMBASSY HERE, BUT THIS SOUNDS AS
IF HE TAKING PALESTINIAN LINE.
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